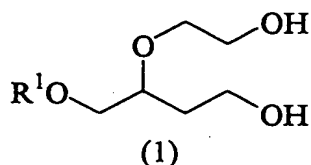
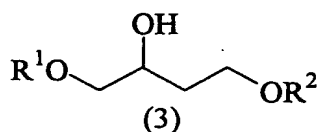


## ABSTRACT

A process for preparing a butanetriol derivative of the formula (1) useful as intermediates of medicines



5        wherein  $\text{R}^1$  is the same defined below,  
 which comprises reacting a compound of the formula (3)



10        wherein  $\text{R}^1$  and  $\text{R}^2$  are the different protecting groups,  
 and an ethylene glycol derivative in a basic condition to  
 prepare a compound of the formula (4) or (4a)



      wherein  $\text{R}^1$  and  $\text{R}^2$  are the same defined above,  
 and then subjecting the compound (4) or (4a) to selective  
 deprotection reaction.